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### Preparatory Committee for the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States

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#### Annotations

##### 1. Election of officers

By its resolution 68/238 of 27 December 2013, the General Assembly decided to establish a Preparatory Committee for the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States and to convene the meetings of the Preparatory Committee as follows:

(a) The first meeting of the Preparatory Committee to be held over three days, from 24 to 26 February 2014;

(b) The final meeting of the Preparatory Committee to be held over five days, from 23 to 27 June 2014.

In its resolution 68/238, the Assembly also decided to establish a Bureau of the Preparatory Committee consisting of two members of each regional group, and that Samoa would serve as an ex officio member of the Bureau. In this regard, the



Assembly invited five regional groups to nominate their candidates for the 10-member Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

In paragraph 10 of its resolution 68/238, the Assembly decided that the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee would be co-chaired by two Member States, comprising one developed State and one developing State.

The Preparatory Committee may wish to elect two co-chairs and eight vice-chairs, one of whom would also serve as the Rapporteur, based on the nominations from the regional groups.

**2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

The agenda of the Preparatory Committee for its meetings to be held from 24 to 26 February and 23 to 27 June 2014 is contained in the present document. At its opening meeting, on 24 February, the Committee will adopt the agenda.

In paragraph 14 of its resolution 68/238, the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee at its first meeting would discuss the objectives and substantive theme of the Conference and organizational and procedural matters, including the rules of procedure, and that at the final meeting, the Committee would finalize the preparatory work for the Conference, including the outcome document.

As stipulated in paragraph 16 of annex II to resolution 68/238, interested intergovernmental organizations that were not accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the high-level review meeting on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States or the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development may apply to the Preparatory Committee for accreditation following the established accreditation procedure.

In this regard, the Preparatory Committee would be invited to review and approve the applications for accreditation of those interested intergovernmental organizations that may apply for accreditation.

**3. Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference**

The Preparatory Committee will have before it the draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference for adoption and transmittal to the Conference for its approval.

**4. Consideration of the outcome of the Conference based on the objectives and the theme of the Conference**

The General Assembly, in its resolution 68/238, decided that the overarching theme of the Conference will be "The sustainable development of small island developing States through genuine and durable partnerships".

The General Assembly, in paragraph 5 of its resolution 67/207, decided that the Conference should:

(a) Assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy, building on, *inter alia*, existing reports and relevant processes;

(b) Seek a renewed political commitment by all countries to address effectively the special needs and vulnerabilities of small island developing States by focusing on practical and pragmatic actions for the further implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy, *inter alia*, through mobilization of resources and assistance for small island developing States;

(c) Identify new and emerging challenges and opportunities for the sustainable development of small island developing States and ways and means to address them, including through the strengthening of collaborative partnerships between small island developing States and the international community;

(d) Identify priorities for the sustainable development of small island developing States for consideration, as appropriate, in the elaboration of the post-2015 United Nations development agenda.

In paragraph 10 of its resolution 67/207, the Assembly decided that the Conference will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented political document.

In paragraphs 12 and 13 of its resolution 68/238, the Assembly decided that discussions at the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee will be based on, *inter alia*, the outcome document of the interregional preparatory meeting for the Conference, invited the participants in the meetings of the Committee to send written inputs on the objectives and substantive theme of the Conference to the Secretariat in advance of the first meeting of the Committee, and invited the Secretariat to make them available electronically.

The Assembly, in paragraph 16 of its resolution 68/238, invited the co-chairs of the Preparatory Committee to prepare the draft outcome document, to be circulated no later than 14 March 2014.

In paragraph 21 of its resolution 68/238, the Assembly strongly encouraged Member States to conclude negotiations on the draft outcome document at the final meeting of the Preparatory Committee.

## **5. Other matters**

### **6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee**

The report of the Preparatory Committee should be adopted at the last meeting of the Committee, on 27 June 2014. It will then be submitted to the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States for its consideration and appropriate action.